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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced continuation application please  
modify the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-64 without prejudice.